



To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Bob Golas, Manufacturing Engineering Manager at the Bicron Electronics, Canaan, Ct.

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB-63, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

Please work to make Connecticut more business friendly. What we need is more opportunity in this state. We are lousy at retaining our young people because of high taxes and lack of jobs. I do believe we are last in the US at keeping 18 to 25 year olds in the state.

From a personal view point I almost moved out of state for a good job in 2003. There was nothing in this state for manufacturing jobs. I got lucky with this job. I was already getting newspapers from South Carolina and stating on my resume that I would relocate.

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Signed,

Robert Golas